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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Before the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 4, please insert the following section heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Before the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 24, please insert the following section heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel all pending claims and rewrite them as new claims 22-42 as follows:

22. A cooking apparatus including a base and a combustion chamber which includes a dish for combustible material concentrically arranged within the combustion chamber and having side walls which are inwardly spaced from the inner side walls of the combustion chamber so that an annular trough is defined between the side walls of the dish and inner side walls of the combustion chamber.

23. The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 22, in which the base includes an upper section and a lower section with an air inlet defined between the sections to allow air flow into the combustion chamber, the upper section and lower section being spaced from one another to form an air reservoir between the sections.

24. The cooking apparatus according to claim 22, including a closure member arranged to be seated on the base, the closure member at least partially defining a cooking chamber heated by the combustible material and including an inner reflective surface which enhances reflection of heat.

25. The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 23, in which the base includes insulating material within the interior of both the upper section and lower section to insulate the sections against heat radiating from the combustible material in the dish.

26. The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 25, in which the reflective surface is defined by a natural inner metal surface of the closure member.

27. The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 26, in which the base includes insulating material which at least partially defines the combustion chamber for holding the combustible material.

28. The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 27, in which the combustion chamber includes holding means for holding the combustible material.

29. The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 28, in which the holding means is in the form of a metal dish which is seated in a bottom opening of the insulating material.

30. The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 29, in which the dish is a circular in outline and includes a lower circular ring section in which a plurality of apertures is defined.

31. The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 30, in which the base includes a frame within which insulating material is mounted and which forms part of an upper section.

32. The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 31, in which the frame is a hollow circular cylindrical frame and the lower section is circular in lateral section and attached to an operatively lower end of the frame.

33. The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 32, in which the lower section is shaped and dimensioned so as at least partially to define an air reservoir below the combustion chamber.

34. The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 33, in which the lower section of the base includes a lower frame and insulating material for insulating the lower section from heat radiating from the holding means.

35. The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 34, in which an air reservoir is defined between the insulating material in the lower and upper sections and the holding means.

36. The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 35, in which the lower section includes a glass fibre mat provided on an upper surface of the insulating material in the lower section.

37. The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 36, in which the upper section of the base includes a heat reflective insert which defines a seat in which the holding means is seated and which also defines a wall of the combustion chamber.

38. The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 37, in which the insulating material is shaped and dimensioned to receive the reflective insert and insulate the reflective insert from the frame.

39. The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 38, in which the closure member is in the form of a dome and includes a plurality of ventilation apertures and a handle.

40. The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 39, which includes a metal grille or grid which is located in use between the combustion chamber and the cooking chamber.

41. The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 40, in which the grille is in the form of a stainless steel disc which is circular in outline and includes a substantial number of apertures or bores.